

Historic Cemetery Committee Minutes
July 18, 2006

Members present: Shelly Merriam, Roy Henry, Sheryl Romasco, Jill Kenrick and Beth Butler

Absent: Doris Ostroskey and Mary Brundage

Motion made to accept the minutes of the May 16, 2006 meeting by Beth Butler and seconded by Shelly Merriam. Unanimous

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NEW BUSINESS

1. Norden Cemetery

The UHCC attended the July 12, 2006 meeting of the Selectmen to present information about this cemetery and to encourage the Board to accept this as an abandoned and/or neglected cemetery. The BoS voted unanimously that the Norden Cemetery met MGL Chapter 114 Section 18 as an abandoned and neglected burying ground.

The Selectman also voted to take on the task of trying to get the Norden Cemetery/Norden Society information from Ms Laurie Berthillette of Millville.

Arthur DuBois, Vice Chair of the BoS also stated he would contact someone who might be able to assist us in our quest for information.

Right before the Selectman's meeting, Mara Baca, daughter of Wilding Appeloff, dropped off a copy of a Norden Society Booklet about the cemetery. Shelly and Jill are working on researching the information in that booklet.

At the Selectman's meeting, David Genereaux Town Treasurer/Finance Director stated he would help us check into banking information about the society.

Another person has asked for a cremation burial in the Norden Cemetery. Dick Buma is dealing directly with the individual.

2. Daniels Cemetery

In the fall, the white pine tree needs to be removed.

3. Website

We discussed putting together some type of website for our historic cemeteries. One suggestion was using the Town Website Committee to help us.

4. Talent Bank

Jane Snyder (helped putting out the flags in May) has filled out a talent bank form stating she has an interest in serving on the UHCC. Her interests are photography and history.

5. Donation Letter

Shelly is working on a general donation letter to go out in the fall.

OLD BUSINESS

1. A few donations for the general fund have come in.

Doug Armstrong	\$20.00
Tristan Armstrong	\$20.00
Marcia Ferror	\$25.00
Buffum Family Association	\$50.00
Profit from soap	\$120.00

(Jane Keegan and Jane Hanscom passed out soap at family services)

2. The UHCC did a site visit on Jun 1, 2006 to the following cemeteries: The Cook Cemetery, The Darling Repose and the Aldrich/Buxton Cemetery. Shelly has sent letters about the condition of each cemetery to the Board of Selectmen. Where appropriate she has sent copies to the Conservation Commission, Rachel Landry, Gravel Pit Inspector and to BJs. These letters are on file in the Selectman's Office. Members attending the visit - Shelly Merriam, Roy Henry, Mary Brundage, Jill Kenrick and Sheryl Romasco

3. Veterans Flags

1550 flags were put on Veterans' graves on May 20, 2006 by Roy Henry, Mary Brundage, Sheryl Romasco, Jane Snyder and Beth Butler.

4. Shove Cemetery.

We asked Shelly to check a stone at Shove Cemetery to see if there was damage to a stone. Members noticed it while putting out flags for Memorial Day.

5. Cemetery Signs

The new signs look great. We are slowly but surely getting them out.

6. Date for next meeting was set for Tuesday September 19, 2006 at the Farnum House.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. Motion made by Beth Butler; seconded by Jill Kenrick Unanimous.